RWNA Newsletter

To Preserve and Enhance our Neighborhood

December 2006

RWNA regular board meetings: Rosemont Community Church, 5005 E. Winsett,
First Thursday of the Month, 7 PM
Jan. 4, Feb. 1, and March 1, 2007



Final Report from the Back to Basics Grant

The Back to Basics work has all been completed! We have a new perimeter path around Hoffman Park, a handicap accessible path to the ramada, a new ramada, sidewalks on Niven and Winsett, and a scupper bridge over Arroyo Chico wash on Winsett, creating a safe passage for students walking to Bonillas School during rainstorms. It's been a long process, but the results are definitely worth it. Thanks to Fred Ronstadt, the city council person for Ward VI at the time, who awarded the grant to RWNA. Thanks also to Monique Martin, assistant to Ward VI office, who patiently shepherded us through the years-long

Jogging Path Construction at Hoffman Park, (which is 1512 feet long once around - approximately 0.286 miles - for those keeping track of their mileage).

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Neglected Triangle Transformed Where Timrod, Melissa and Niven Meet!!!!

By Elsie Stoeckel

The Rosemont Beautification Group is composed of several concerned neighbors who wanted to improve the triangle of land that had just a fire hydrant and some scraggly bushes on it. This land is actually under the jurisdiction of Tucson Parks and Recreation, but it had not been developed. It has now been the target of a major improvement effort for which a grant was submitted and approved for funding.

Partial funding for this project has been provided by PRO Neighborhoods and RWNA. The \$4,815 awarded by PRO Neighborhoods was used to purchase a professional landscape design, low water use plants, decorative rock and rental of equipment to move dirt. A bulletin board will be included to help the neighborhood association publicize activities.

The landscape design was approved by the Rosemont West Neighborhood Association and Tucson Parks and Recreation before work began.

The cost of labor was not included in the grant. Neighbors were asked to assist with refinishing the obsolete bus stop, moving dirt, planting new trees and bushes, etc. Donations of materials added to the project.







A few of the planning and work crews are pictured left to right: Lorenia Lee, Elsie Stoeckel, Eric Campbell (who coordinated volunteer labor as his Eagle scout project), Loren Stoeckel, Steve Campbell, Jeff Henneke (Harlow Gardens senior land-scape designer), Art Davison, and Terry Heffernan.

Thanks to all who participated in this transformation!

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What's happening with the Neighbor to Neighbor Program?

The RWNA Neighbor to Neighbor program was started in 2004 to offer neighborly services performed by volunteers for seniors needing friendly visits and phone calls, help with errands, transportation to appointments and shopping, pet and plant sitting, light housekeeping, yard work and small repairs.

Beginning in July 2006 Neighbor to Neighbor has joined forces with the Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program which is a larger volunteer caregiver group established to the east of Rosemont West. John and Gladys Miller are the coordinators of the program and they are very happy to have our volunteers join their group and to add Rosemont West to the area those volunteers will serve.

What does this mean for me as a Rosemont West Neighbor?

By merging with the Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program our volunteers will have more opportunities to help seniors (age 55 and up).

Seniors in our area will have even more volunteers available to provide neighborly services for them.

Please call 245-4729 Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm if you'd like to request a neighborly service or if you're interested in volunteering.

Crime Alert !!!!

There has been a increase in crime in the neighborhoods to the north and west of RWNA borders. People posing as landscape workers, or sitting in cars on the street, would watch for the arrivals and departures of residents. Once patterns were observed, thieves would park in alleys and break into the backs of houses. In several cases, the thieves disturbed items such as potted plants or lawn furniture during the night, and would burglar homes where the items had not been returned to their original places after several days (indicating that the homeowner was on vacation).

There has also been a series of vandalism on Melissa, Timrod and Cooper Street; car windows have been broken.

Please do not hesitate to call 911 if you observe any suspicious activity such as people peering over back fences or people sitting in cars parked in alleys or on streets with no discernable purpose. If it's out of the ordinary, and you are uneasy, please call 911 and report it.

Sidewalks:

Please remember that homeowners are responsible for keeping the sidewalks in front or to the sides of their homes clear and free of obstruction. By city ordinances, the area between the sidewalks and curbs are also to be kept in good order. If you are physically incapabable of clearing this area, please contact the ENVP at 245-4729 for help.

Remember that all grasses and weeds must be less than 6 inches high, anywhere on your property or alley!

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Reserve the date:

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, 7:00 PM
Rosemont West Neighborhood Association
Annual General Meeting
Rosemont Community Church, 5005 E. Winsett

\$5 annual dues are payable at the annual meeting. Homeowners, property owners, and renters are welcome to participate.

More Demolition and Construction news

The houses at 4910 and 4918 E. Broadway Blvd have been removed. The corner house (4902 E. Broadway Blvd) will be removed soon. Washington Federal Savings & Loan is planning to build a branch office on those properties at the corner of Niven and Broadway. Traffic exiting the business on to Niven will have a "right turn only" sign, keeping the traffic out of the neighborhood. The builders have also agreed to build a higher wall on the southern and eastern boundaries so that the neighbors will be less impacted by noise.

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